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TO: New Jersey Fire Officials

FROM: George A. Miller, Chief
Fire Code Enforcement

DATE: July, 1999

SUBJECT: Sprinkler Head Recall

From time to time the Division is advised of product recalls, such as the recall of "STAR" brand fire sprinklers. The most effective way of getting this information to affected consumers is through Fire Officials at the local level who periodically meet with building owners/managers.

As explained in the attached notice, the recalled heads were last manufactured in 1976 and are used only in dry sprinkler systems. This recall is not related to the Omega head recall.

Mealane Corporation is making a concerted effort to notify people who may have these heads. You can also help spread the word by notifying the owners of properties containing dry systems of this recall when you visit for an annual inspection, or sooner if that's possible. Affected property owners should contact the manufacturer at the numbers provided in the attached notice.

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Attachment
Sprinkler Head Recall



MEALANE CORPORATION

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL OLD "STAR" BRAND FIRE SPRINKLERS

July 1, 1999

Dear State Fire Marshal:

In cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mealane Corporation, formerly known as Star Sprinkler Corporation based in Philadelphia, PA, is recalling "Star" brand D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinkler models made between 1961 and 1976. **These fire sprinklers may not operate properly in a fire, thereby placing residents and property at risk.**

The Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1 and ME-1 produced from 1961 to 1976 have been widely used in nursing homes and other health care facilities across the country. They are also found in schools, warehouses, and supermarkets. The sprinklers are used in dry sprinkler systems only. This recall does not involve any "Star" product other than the five models mentioned above, and it is not related to the recent recall of "Omega" brand fire sprinklers. The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations is actively supporting the recall in conjunction with the CPSC.

We are utilizing advertising and direct mail notices to inform property owners about the recall. However, in identifying buildings that contain these five models there is no substitute for personal intervention from fire protection leaders such as yourself. We encourage you to spread the word about this recall among your constituents to protect the public safety and to help identify locations within your state that contain Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 fire sprinklers made from between 1961 and 1976 that are still in service. Pictures and diagrams of the models are enclosed. You may also view photos of them on the web at www.star-recall.com or call 1-800-866-7807 for assistance.

If property owners do, in fact, still have these sprinklers in service, they should complete the enclosed Notice of Claim form. Forms should be returned, via mail or fax, to the address below. Mealane Corporation is offering consumers and property owners free, listed replacement sprinklers and reimbursement of the removal and replacement labor costs when approved in advance.

For further information or questions, please refer to our recall web site at www.star-recall.com, call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at 1-800-866-7807, or write to:

Law Offices of Egoville & Associates
1023 Fayette St.
Conshohocken, PA 19428-1951
800-866-7807
FAX: 610-828-0444

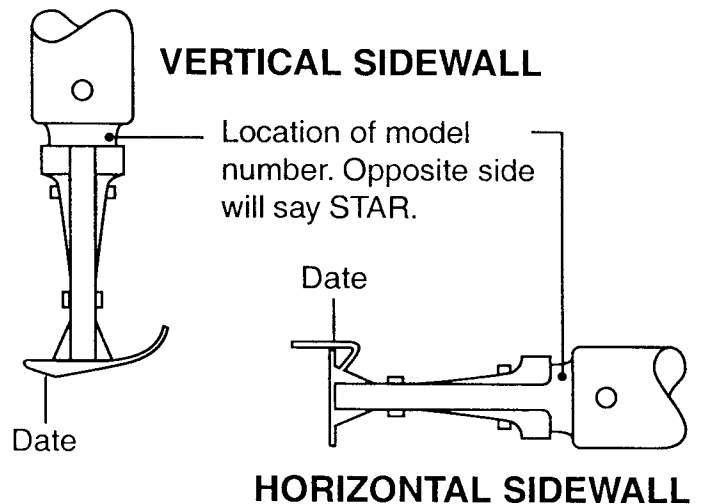
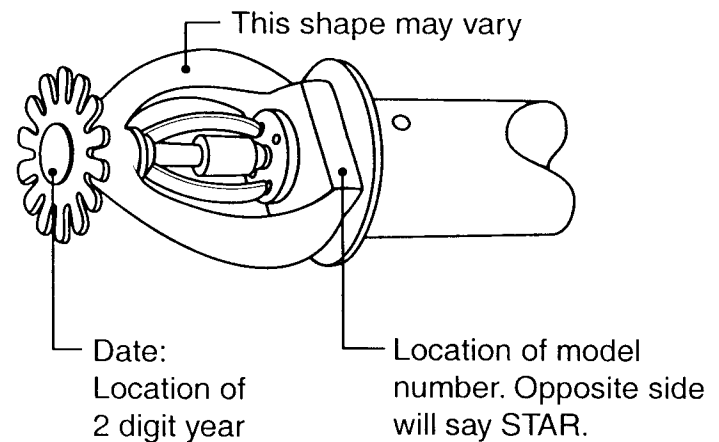
Enclosures
Fire-Marshal. Notice

Recall of "Star" Brand D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 "Dry-Type" Fire Sprinklers manufactured from 1961 to 1976

Mealane Corporation of Philadelphia, PA, is voluntarily recalling "Star" brand fire sprinklers manufactured from 1961 through 1976. The Star sprinklers being recalled are "dry-type" models **D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1**. These sprinklers have been primarily installed in nursing homes and hospitals. They may also be found in schools, loading docks, warehouses and cold storage areas in supermarkets nationwide. The name "Star" appears on the sprinkler, along with the model number and date of manufacture. The Star Sprinkler Co. sold its assets and changed its name in June 1976 and became known as the Mealane Corporation. Mealane is unable to address claims relating to sprinklers produced after 1976.

Mealane Corporation is urging consumers and property owners to determine whether their facilities contain any Star D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1 sprinkler models made from 1961 to 1976 and to call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at 1-800-866-7807 or visit the special web site, www.star-recall.com, for more information.

PENDENT AND UPRIGHT



There are four styles of sprinklers

- Pendent
- Upright
- Vertical Sidewall
- Horizontal Sidewall

The following model numbers may appear on any recalled sprinkler style.

D-1
RD-1
RE-1
E-1
ME-1